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EDITOR NOT INDICTED.

The Federal grand jury this morning dismissed the information filed by the United States attorney against the editor of the Outlook charging him with violating the anti-lottery statute in connection with the Outlook's recent profit-sharing campaign. The charge was based on the fact that in deciding who was entitled to a rebate order a name was drawn from those which had accumulated. Three witnesses were subpoened. They were, Mrs. Ed. Bauman, J. Cannon and R. H. Spence. Contrary to a published report the editor was not subpoened but offered to appear and explain any matter desired. The information was dismissed without even calling any of the witnesses. It must have appeared to the grand jury that there was not the semblance of fraud or criminal intent in connection with the affair. Anything like a drawing will hereafter be avoided and all are advised to do likewise.

THE LUMBER INDUSTRY.

The opening of new logging camps, the building of new sawmills and the extension of railroads into the timber belts of this coast are all healthful indications of a renewal of the great lumber industry.

In the last ten years the price of lumber has increased out of all proportion to the growing disparity between supply and demand. The first sharp increases were thought by many consumers to be due to combinations among lumber manufacturers and dealers, but investigation showed that this was not the case—at least to a degree which would account for the high prices. The federal forest service then began a complete survey of the timber situation in the United States, and the lumber industry. Its report, recently made public, shows that the blame can hardly be attached to any one factor in the industry, but is due to general conditions.

It is shown in the report that lumbermen on this coast are trying to make their sawmills carry more timber land than they can possibly use, hence the recent efforts made to revive the industry from the lethargy of last year. The dealer who has been buying from these mills, therefore has not only had to pay for the lumber he got, but the maintenance cost of a vast timber acreage, which in most cases is held at great expense merely for speculative purposes. On the other hand there has been a decrease in the consumption of lumber, due to the increased use of steel, brick, cement and other building materials.

Thus it appears that the whole industry is in need of reorganiation on a sound economic basis—and such a condition will probably result with the present renewal of the business on its greater scale.

There is, and apparently always will be, a substantial demand for lumber. The supply, if properly conserved, should be adequate to meet normal needs at normal prices. Lumber, paper and other consumers are paying for waste perhaps as much as the idle timber land, which is the result of unfortunate business foresight. The government has done well to point to special causes, and it can do more by making it plain that the timber waste must cease.

JAPANESE EXCLUSION.

Fortunately the protests sent by the state department to the legislatures of Oregon and Idaho regarding the passage of laws barring Japanese subjects from owning land in these states were effective and the bills were withdrawn. The state department acted in response to a request from the Japanese ambassador, who represented to the American government the wave of patriotism which has swept over Japan during the recent political crisis, and expressed the opinion that if these laws were passed the Japanese public would demand an understanding with the United States. Oregon and Idaho should have been informed on this subject before they considered such bills in their legislation.

The mischief done in California should have provided an example worth remembering. At that time, however, the administration was free to enter into negotiations with Japan. At present it is not. For more than two years the government has had its hands full with the very delicate situation in Europe. Its eyes have been to the east, and it has had not time to take up the Japanese question. Furthermore, any exchange of notes on the subjects with Japan is likely to lead to mention of China and our trade relations with that nation, and may reveal serious differences between Japan and the United States. Apparently this government has decided to postpone these questions until it can give its full attention to them.

This program should not be upset by any state or group of states. The proposed course of Oregon and Idaho, was all the more to be criticised because, as in the case of California, they intended to pass laws not to remedy an evil, but to prevent an evil. In other words the matter can very well wait a few years and then, perhaps, the national congress can cope with the situation in a moderate way so as to avoid friction if not an open rupture.

No doubt the Oregon and Idaho bills came up because they had been advocated during the campaign by successful candidates who felt obliged, in the interest of their political future, to introduce them. This is poor patriotism. It reflects upon the intelligence of the west, and perhaps helps to explain some of the radical experiments in governments which Oregon has been indulging in, and which some of the other states have been imitating.

Oregon ranked 31 in crop value last year with the sum of $105,474,000. In 1915 it held the same rank with $70,679,000. These figures show the same increase, relatively, of every state in the union. Texas ranked first both years. Sixteen states fell a little behind last year over the preceding year.

Possibly the most striking instance of the mercenary spirit this age has ever known is that of the dealers who are charging $7 a hundred pounds for onions. We think they should be sold at about two bucks apiece, if the reputation of the high cost of living is to be maintained.

Before it is too late we would suggest that the legislature pass a bill making it a felony to steal chickens at night. There would be several candidates for the pen if the chicken thieves of eastern Multnomah failed to observe the daylight saving schedule.

Have you made preparations to spray? Lime-sulfur 1 to 8 cannot be beaten for cleaning up the trees now. Go over them thoroughly during the first run of sunny weather any time before the buds begin to open.

Replying to the inquisitive subscriber at Troutdale, we hasten to reply that our understanding is "deserving democrats' are those lately endorsed for the federal offices by the state central committee in Portland.

A news item says that there are 50,000 Americans in the entente armies. In that case, it is queer that the entente soldiers didn't get out of the way and give the Americans a chance.

The Germans who wore white overalls in an attack on the Russians may have belonged to the "white wings" of the street cleaning department before they went out to fight.

It seems as if there were something wrong about sending the militia to the border in midsummer and bringing them back in midwinter. The process ought to be reversed.

If it should ever come to pass that we are compelled to eat horse meat we presume the slaughter houses would be able to use every part of the animal except the horse laugh.

Instead of an inner tube a new, punctureless automobile tire has a removable rubber core that is solid except for cup-shaped air spaces at each side to afford resiliency.

Since the president prescribes the "consent of the governed" theory for Europe, may we ask how much of it the Danish West Indies are enjoying.

One of the best things about General Pershing's recall to American soil is that he is not likely to go on the chautauqua circuit with a lecture on Mexican scenery.

The time is fast approaching when it will be too late to prune those fruit trees. It should be done before the sap begins to flow.

Senator Good's bill to provide for the taxation of all property held by religious institutions was put to sleep yesterday.

Plain Knittin'.

The comparison of life and hosiery, and the illustration of how the little girls of another country are taught and encouraged to knit by the winding of bright trinkets in the big ball of yarn, have been used by preachers and writers until they are almost threadbare, so they must be considered good material. Now, it may be all right to compare life with a stocking, although it seems to some of us who had to learn knitting that the stocking ought to be reversed to make the comparison ring true, for in real knitting we found the ribbed part of getting well started such a laborious affair, and the toeing off and breaking of the thread a hilarious time. But no matter; if it suits the preacher's purpose to compare old age to the sad toeing off, let him do it. It won't hurt anybody for him to interpret it that way.

It's the story of the ball that ought to be modified. Of course, it is a beautiful story, and there are prizes in life's ball—many of them! The trouble lies in our growing to expect them to drop out too often, and our spells of pouting and sulking when we find them few and far between. Especially at this season of the year do we find them scarce, and the ball itself gray in color. We've struck a spell of plain knittin' and it's mighty uninteresting, to say the least. The ball was such a lovely rose color all during the recent holidays, and we knit it up so fast that the trinkets fairly poured into our hands—a steady stream of happy home-comings, gay days and beautiful surprises. How we reveled in the rose colored portion of life's ball! But the color changed suddenly. The beautiful, carefree holiday times can not last forever. Gay days come to an end, and home-comings necessarily bring another round of good-byes.

It is so hard to pick up the ball again, finidng it rough and gray. It's hard to start in on the plain, straight strip, and it's hard to be reasonable, making ourselves realize that we've unwound our trinkets all in a lump, and that we must not expect to find any more for a long, long time.

Maybe the little story is all right, and we've just interpreted it wrong. An any rate something is wrong when we get to looking all the time for the rewards instead of working for the work's sake, and get the habit of taking the bright spots as our reasonable due instead of regarding them as the unmerited blessings they often are. Maybe we need to be shaken soundly, set down, hard and told emphatically that we've already had more prizes out of the ball than we've ever deserved. Perhaps, after we have recovered from a jolt like that, we might settle down with a reconciled feeling, and in time even learn to like the stretches of plain knittin'.

Land for Homeseekers.

On February 8 the department of the interior opened for settlement under the general homestead and reclamation laws upward of 4,000 acres of land in the Belle Fourche valley of South Dakota. This compromises the fifth unit of this project thus far opened. It is within a few miles of a town and a railroad. The usual residence of three years is required. To all bona fide settlers the reclamation service will furnish water for irrigation purposes at actual cost without interest on deferred payments covering twenty years. The government regards this opening as exceptionally good, and because of present economic conditions and the high cost of living, it is thought there will be a large influx of homeseekers. As an evidence of the increased values which federal development has given to lands it is stated that lands homesteaded in 1912 and valued at that time at $25 an acre have been sold recently at $75 and $125 an acre. Detailed information concerning the Belle Fourche opening may be obtained by addressing the settlement agent, United States reclamation service, Chicago, Illinois.

Although Dickens on several occasions made use of the words "I don't think," he was not the coiner of this classic phrase. "The Pickwick Papers," in which the earliest Dickens references occur appeared in 1837, but in Captain Marryat's "Snarleyyow," or "The Dog Fiend," published in 1836, we find that Moggy Salisbury, in the course of a conversation with Lieutenant Vanslyperken, remarks, "Well' you're a nice leeftenant, I don't think." Snarleyyow, of course, is the original "Dog Fiend," to a descendant of which Rudyard Kipling made reference in the latest of his brilliant articles on "The Destroyers at the Battle of Jutland."

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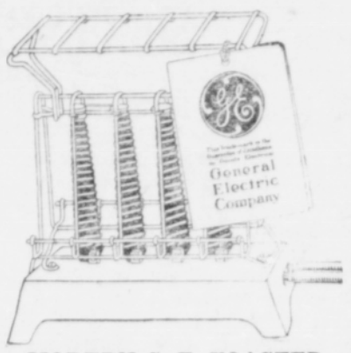

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